

6. (Amended) A bendable bottom member, according to claim 1, wherein hooks are formed at the tips of the connecting protrusions provided with the disengagement preventing means while steps to be engaged with the hooks are formed in the corresponding accepting recesses.

Kindly add new claims 7-13 as follows:

7. A bendable bottom member, according to claim 2, wherein the beveled portions at the bases of the connecting protrusions are inclined in adaptation to the desired bending angles with the adjacent bars.

8. A bendable bottom member, according to claim 3, wherein the beveled portions at the bases of the connecting protrusions are inclined in adaptation to the desired bending angles with the adjacent bars.

9. A bendable bottom member, according to claim 4, wherein the beveled portions at the bases of the connecting protrusions are inclined in adaptation to the desired bending angles with the adjacent bars.

10. A bendable bottom member, according to claim 2, wherein hooks are formed at the tips of the connecting protrusions provided with the disengagement preventing means while steps to be engaged with the hooks are formed in the corresponding accepting recesses.

11. A bendable bottom member, according to claim 3, wherein hooks are formed at the tips of the connecting protrusions provided with the disengagement preventing means while steps to be engaged with the hooks are formed in the corresponding accepting recesses.

12. A bendable bottom member, according to claim 4, wherein hooks are formed at the tips of the connecting protrusions provided with the disengagement preventing means while steps to be engaged with the hooks are formed in the corresponding accepting recesses.

13. A bendable bottom member, according to claim 5, wherein hooks are formed at the tips of the connecting protrusions provided with the disengagement preventing means while steps to be engaged with the hooks are formed in the corresponding accepting recesses.

REMARKS

Claims 5 and 6 have been amended, and new claims 7-13 presented, to eliminate multiple dependencies and place the claims in proper U.S. format. Support for each of the newly added claims can be found in original claims 5 and 6. The present amendment is deemed not to add new matter. Claims 1-13 are in the application.

It is respectfully submitted that this application is now in condition for examination on the merits and early action and allowance thereof is accordingly respectfully requested.